Giimbiyu language

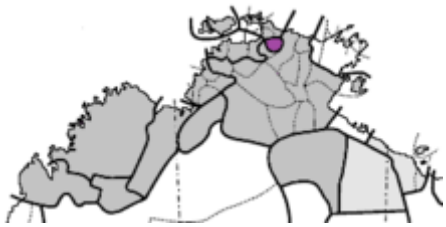
Giimbiyu is an extinct Aboriginal Australian language isolate once spoken by the Giimbiyu people of northern Australia.

The name *Giimbiyu* is a Gaagudju word for 'of the stoney country'. It was introduced in Harvey (1992) as a cover term for the named dialects,[3]

- Mangerr (Mengerrdji)
- Urningangga (Wuningak) and Erri (Arri)

In 1997 Nicholas Evans proposed an Arnhem Land family that includes the Giimbiyu languages. However, they are not included in Bowern (2011).[4]

Giimbiyu	
Mangerr	
Native to	Australia
Region	Northern Territory
Extinct	(date unknown perhaps a couple speakers remaining in 1981)[1]
Language family	Language isolate or Arnhem Land? ▪ **Giimbiyu**
Dialects	Mangerr Erri Urningangga
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Variously: `zme` – Mangerr `urc` – Urningangg `err` – Erre
Glottolog	`giim1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/giim1238)`[2]
AIATSIS[3]	`N220 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/N220)`



Giimbiyu (purple), among other non-Pama-Nyungan languages (grey)

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